

## Dairy

The average number of milk cows maintained by Arizona's dairy operations in 2006 increased 8,000 head from a year ago to 173,000 head. Milk production per cow during 2006 was 22,855 pounds, up less than 1 percent from last year.

Milk production totaled 3.95 billion pounds in 2006, an increase of 6 percent from 2005. Value of milk produced, at \$506 million dollars, was 9 percent lower than the 2005 value. The average return per 100 pounds of milk in 2006 was \$12.80, down \$2.10 from 2005.

### Milk Cows: Monthly and Annual Average Inventory

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	-----1,000 Head-----						
January	137	140	140	155	155	165	171
February	137	140	142	155	155	164	171
March	137	140	143	155	155	164	172
April	138	140	144	155	155	164	172
May	138	140	145	155	155	163	172
June	138	140	145	155	155	162	173
July	140	140	148	155	158	163	173
August	140	140	150	155	163	164	173
September	140	140	151	155	165	165	174
October	140	140	152	155	167	166	175
November	140	140	153	155	168	167	175
December	140	140	154	155	166	169	175
Annual average	139	140	147	155	160	165	173

### Milk: Monthly and Annual Average Produced per Cow

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	-----Pounds-----						
January	1,925	1,880	2,085	2,020	2,010	1,975	2,045
February	1,935	1,770	1,970	1,895	1,960	1,840	1,940
March	2,115	2,020	2,250	2,140	2,120	2,080	2,190
April	2,080	1,970	2,195	2,110	2,090	2,060	2,145
May	2,095	2,010	2,200	2,140	2,095	2,085	2,155
June	1,890	1,865	1,985	1,980	1,955	1,950	1,955
July	1,735	1,725	1,850	1,825	1,810	1,855	1,775
August	1,580	1,625	1,785	1,670	1,710	1,740	1,655
September	1,555	1,650	1,650	1,665	1,660	1,685	1,620
October	1,645	1,800	1,730	1,750	1,785	1,785	1,720
November	1,585	1,790	1,765	1,795	1,760	1,785	1,750
December	1,735	1,920	1,875	1,920	1,905	1,895	1,915
Annual average 1/	21,820	22,036	23,333	22,916	22,788	22,679	22,855

1/ Numbers may not add due to rounding.

### Milk: Monthly and Annual Average Production

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
	-----Million Pounds-----						
January	264	263	292	313	312	326	350
February	265	248	280	294	304	302	332
March	290	283	322	332	329	341	377
April	287	276	316	327	324	338	369
May	289	281	319	332	325	340	371
June	261	261	288	307	303	316	338
July	243	242	274	283	286	302	307
August	221	228	268	259	279	285	286
September	218	231	249	258	274	278	282
October	230	252	263	271	298	296	301
November	222	251	270	278	296	298	306
December	243	269	289	298	316	320	335
Annual average	3,033	3,085	3,430	3,552	3,646	3,742	3,954